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MINUTES

OF THE

CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION

Ellisville, Miss., Sept. 25th, 1885.

THE CHICKASAHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened this day with the Church at Ellisville, and was called to order by Rev. J. W. Bozeman, D. D., the moderator, at 10½ o'clock A. M., a half hour having been previously spent in devotional exercises led by Eld. L. M. Stone. Brothers S. O. Y. Ray and W. L. Goldsmith read the church letters, which disclosed an encouraging state of affairs in the churches generally. The churches comprising the body were represented as follows:

Bethlehem (Lauderdale), Eld. L. M. Stone.
Meridian, Eld. J. W. Bozeman, W. L. Goldsmith, W. H. Hardy, A. R. Carter.
Enterprise, Eld. S. O. Y. Ray, Frank C. McGee.
Quitman, Eld. F. D. Baars.
DeSoto, Eld F. D. Baars.
Shubuta, Eld. J. M. Phillips, I. E. S. Alexander, R. Sumrall.
Salem, (Waynesboro) J. M. Davis, J. L. Morris.
New Hope, Jno. L. Gray.
Concord, C. H. Beard, A. C. Ulmer.
Clear Creek, W. Z. West, J. K. Pilkinton.
Yellow Creek, Eld. W. D. Watson.
Big Creek, not represented.
Buckatunna, not represented.
State Line, J. P. Seabrook.
Sandersville, O. F. Johnson, Wm. Saul.
Ellisville, J. T. Barrett, J. G. Welborn, W. P. Craft.
Estabutchie, C. L. Thatch, Clayton Pardue.
Hattiesburg, J. N. Cole.
Augusta, C. A. Bradley, J. J. Courtney.

Heidelberg Church, by E. H. McKinstry and T. W. Tullos, its delegates, presented a letter asking for membership, and on motion the Church was received, the delegates being cordially welcomed by the moderator.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the unanimous choice of Eld. J. W. Bozeman, moderator, and Frank C. McGee, clerk and treasurer. The moderator, after suitably acknowledging his obligations to the members, declared the Association ready for the transaction of business, and appointed the following Committee on Finance: E. H. McKinstry, R. Sumrall, J. M. Davis.

Bro. B. Thigpen was received as a messenger from Salem Association and welcomed by the moderator.

All visiting brethren and representatives of the press were invited to seats.

The following were appointed a committee to arrange the preaching and other religious exercises during the meeting: T. W. Tullos, W. Z. West and the delegates from Ellisville Church.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Hardy, the committee on associational missions was dispensed with, and a committee raised on the State of the Churches.

It was moved and agreed to that a special committee of three should be appointed to bring before the Association the plan adopted by the last State Convention in regard to the various benevolent agencies of the Convention. Committee: W. H. Hardy, J. K. Pilkinton.

Committee on religious exercises reported that Eld. L. M. Stone preach the introductory sermon to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

The Association, on motion of Bro. W. H. Hardy, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the State of Religion. Brothers Barrett, Ray, Hardy and Phillips addressed the committee, their remarks going to show that much progress is being made in the religious world, and that the signs of the times are truly encouraging to the Christian heart. After a pleasant and profitable time thus spent the committee arose, and the association adjourned to 3:30 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 3:30 O'CLOCK.

The Association was called to order by the moderator, and after the usual religious exercises proceeded to business.

Corresponding messengers were appointed as follows:

Ebenezer Association, J. P. Seabrook, C. A. Bradley; Bethlehem, W. H. Hardy, L. M. Stone; Choctaw, J. W. Bozeman; Liberty, S. O. Y. Ray; Salem, W. Z. West; Mt. Pisgah, J. M. Davis; Gulf Coast, G. Welborn; General Association, L. M. Stone, F. C. McGee, J. T. Barrett S. O. Y. Ray, Rufus Sumrall.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this association attending the meetings of other bodies holding correspondence with us, be authorized to act as a messenger from us.

The following committees were announced by the moderator:

Education, S. O. Y. Ray, E. E. S. Alexander.
State Missions, L. M. Stone, O. E. Johnson.
State of the Churches, W. L. Goldsmith, Clayton Pardue.
Home and Foreign Missions, J. M. Phillips, J. J. Courtney.
Sunday Schools, Jno. P. Seabrook, C. L. Thatch,
Sustentation, J. N. Cole, J. L. Morris.
Nominations, C. A. Bradley, W. D. Watson.

The report of the committee on Benevolent Agencies of the Baptist State Convention was read by Bro. W. H. Hardy, and after being discussed favorably by Brothers Hardy, Stone and Barrett, was unanimously adopted.

After singing and prayer, adjourned till to-morrow, Saturday, morning at 9 o'clock.

In accordance with the appointment of the committee on Devotional exercises, Eld. L. M. Stone preached the Introductory Sermon at 7:30 Friday evening. It was an earnest and instructive effort and received the close attention of the large congregation present.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 29TH.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises led by the moderator.

Brother Timothy Rogers was received and welcomed as a messenger from Pearl-Leaf Association.

Bro. J. N. Cole presented the Report of the Committee on Sustentation, which, after commendation of the work by several of the brethren, was adopted unanimously.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Church was presented by Bro. W. L. Goldsmith, and was adopted.

Eld S. O. Y. Ray submitted the report of his labors as missionary within the bounds of the Association, and made an appeal in behalf of Sandersville Church for money to pay the balance due on their house of worship. The Association responded with a contribution of $21 in cash and $29 in pledges. The report was received and ordered printed in the minutes.

Report on State Missions was submitted by Eld. L. M. Stone and action thereon postponed to 3 o'clock P. M.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1st. That all churches should take a high and firm stand against intoxicating liquors as to their manufacture, use or sale.

2d. That it is wrong for any church member to visit saloons, or to sign petitions of others to sell intoxicating liquors, or to go on the bond of liquor sellers.

3d. That the cause of Christ is greatly injured by retaining in our churches whisky drinkers, whisky sellers, visitors of saloons, and signers of petitions to sell whisky.

4th. That members who persist in making or using or selling intoxicating liquors, in visiting saloons or signing petitions of others to sell such liquors, ought to be brought under church discipline.

5th. That in the great contest now going on between the liquor power and morality, law, order and christianity, it behooves every christian to be positively and openly on the right side.

6th. That we recommend to our entire membership to exert every honest influence in their power to arrest the licensed sale of all intoxicants as a beverage.

7th. That the members of this association be requested to use their influense in securing the introduction of Temperance Text Books into the private and public schools of our state.

It was moved and carried that a committee of three on Apportionment be appointed, and the Moderator named the following: W. H. Hardy, J. L. Gray, J. G. Welborn.

Adjourned, after the usual devotional exercises, to 3 o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT. 26TH.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and Eld. J. T. Barrett led in prayer.

Report of the Committee on Apportionment was received and adopted.

The following additional messengers were received and were welcomed on behalf of the Association by the Moderator: Brothers P. S. Rogers from Bethlehem Association; J. W. Speed and W. F. Spell from Pearl-Leaf; M. F. Berry from Salem.

Report on Nominations and Requests received, amended and adopted.

Report on State Missions was taken up, and, after being fully discussed and heartily commended by a number of the brethren, was adopted.

Bro. W. H. Hardy offered the following resolution, which, after being discussed, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The demands for more ministers are increasing by reason of the rapid increase of population, and the need of more churches, and the fact that our old ministers are passing away; therefore,

Resolved, That we most earnestly recommend that special prayer be made in all our churches that God would call more of our young men to the work of the ministry.

Report on Education was presented by Bro. Ray, discussed and adopted. That part relating to the establishment of a High School at Ellisville was referred to a special committee of five with instructions to report at our next annual meeting; and they were granted plenary power to act as the circumstances may admit in establishing the same. Committee, S. O. Y. Ray, J. G. Welborn, T. J. Hardy, W. M. Sprinkel, C. L. Thatch.

Committee on Finance submitted their report which was adopted.

After prayer and praise, adjourned to 7:30 o'clock this evening.

SATURDAY EVENING, SEPT. 26TH.

The Association was called to order at 7:30 o'clock. Eld. F. D. Baars led in prayer.

Eld. J. M. Phillips submitted the Report on Foreign Missions, which was discussed and adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. Jno. P. Seabrook and adopted.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Hardy, the Report on Education was reconsidered and amended by adding after the word "Ellisville," the following: "or such other place on the New Orleans & Northeastern railroad as the committee appointed shall deem best."

Brother W. L. Goldsmith moved that the heartfelt thanks of the Association be tendered the good people of Ellisville for their kind and hospitable treatment of the delegates. Adopted by a unanimous vote.

On motion of Brother Hardy, our thanks were also extended to the M. & O. and N. O. & N. E. railroads for reduced rates on their respective lines.

Bro. T. J. Hardy, on behalf of Ellisville Church, requested the appointment of brethren to address the Sunday School to-morrow morning, which request was referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

An opportunity was here given the members to interchange views as to the work of the present session. Many of the brethren responded with feeling remarks, and a short time was spent most pleasantly and profitably.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Eld. F. D. Baars and Brothers Truman Gray and J. P. Seabrook be requested to address the Sunday School to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and that Eld. J. W. Bozeman preach the church dedication sermon at 11 o'clock.

The following resolution offered by Bro. W. H. Hardy was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to secure from the Convention Board the amount of the deficit due by this Association to Elds. J. M. Phillips and S. O. Y. Ray; and, failing to do so, that they take such steps as in their judgment may be necessary to raise the amount. The committee to also look after the mission interests of the Association. The Moderator appointed the following as members of the committee: W. H. Hardy, W. H. Patton, Frank C. McGee.

After singing "Shall we gather at the river," and extending to each other the parting hand, the Association adjourned to meet with the Church at Quitman, Clarke county, on Friday before the last Sunday in September, 1886.

FRANK C. McGEE, Clerk. J. W. BOZEMAN, Moderator.

REPORT

Of the Special Committee on the Plan of the Benevolent Agencies of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention.

For several years past the Baptist State Convention, representing the mass of the great Baptist brotherhood of the state, have felt the importance of a more perfect organization of its benevolent agencies. Two years ago a special committee of seven, among our wisest men, was appointed, with Capt. John Powell, of Grenada, as chairman, to consider and devise a plan for carrying on the work of the Convention under the divine blessing and guidance of God, which should not only simplify the work, but which should systematize it and distribute its burthens more evenly among the brotherhood throughout the state. At the last Convention, which was held at Aberdeen in July last, that committee reported a plan which was adopted unanimously by the Convention, and which may be found on page 20 of the Convention minutes.

This plan consolidates all the Boards, to-wit: The State Mission Board, the Sustentation Board, the Board of Ministerial Education into one Board styled the "Convention Board," composed of fifteen members and located at Jackson, Miss., which elects its own officers, and has charge of all the various matters heretofore controlled by the several Boards. Of this Board Bro. H. F. Sproles is President; W. D. Ratcliff, recording secretary; B. W. Griffith, treasurer, and J. B. Gambrell, corresponding secretary. The corresponding secretary is the only salaried officer connected with this Board. He is paid a salary because he devotes his whole time to the work.

The object of consolidating all the agencies of the Convention into this one Board was for the purpose of economy in salaried officers and agents and to secure more systematic business methods. Your committee believe that this has been accomplished, and do most heartily recommend that this Association approve and endorse the change thus made; althongh the committee beg to modestly suggest that, in its opinion, it would have been more business-like and more expressive, if the new Board had been called "Board of Directors of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention," instead of "The Convention Board."

This Board at its first session held in Jackson apportioned the contributions among the different Associations. The amount apportioned to this Association for all purposes is $1100. In view of the fact that $1000 of this amount will be expended in our own territory—that is, within our own bounds—your committee think it quite reasonable, and recommend that a special committee of three be appointed to apportion this amount, to-wit, $1100, among the twenty Churches composing this Association. Your committee trust that no one will for a moment consider that this is an assessment upon the Churches. Far from it. As Baptists, we believe that every one should give according as the Lord has prospered him; and as he is responsible only to God for the manner in which he discharges this duty, no Church or Association has the right to say how *much* a man shall give. This is left to his own volition—to his own christian conscience. The object of the apportionment is merely to make known to each Church the amount which the Convention Board would like to have, and upon which to base its calculations in mapping out its work for the year. This apportionmeut is not

binding or obligatory upon any Church. It is a mere recommendation. The Church can give more or less, as its members feel able.

Your committee in conclusion beg to call the especial attention of pastors and churches to the bible method of giving—systematic giving, not only for the purpose of spreading the Redeemer's kingdom in the earth, but as a means of grace to him who gives, remembering that "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver," that "he that soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly," and that "as a man soweth so shall he reap."

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HARDY,
J. K. PILKINTON,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your committee beg leave to make the following nominations:

Dr. J. W. Bozeman to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Standing Committee on Ministerial Education: A. H. Smith, W. H. Patton, J. P. Seabrook, A. F. McGee, W. M. Sprinkel.

Delegates to State Convention: O. H. P. Jones, C. L. Thatch, T. J. Hardy, E. H. McKinstry, Robt. George, Geo. L. Donald, Jos. Davis, W. H. Hardy.

Next place of meeting: Quitman.

Time of meeting: Friday before the last Sunday in September.

Respectfully,

C. A. BRADLEY.

Report on State of the Churches.

Your committee on State of the Churches beg leave to report that, from the church letters and conversations of brethren, we are rejoiced to know that most of the Churches of the Association are in a prosperous condition, for which we thank God and take courage to go forward in the next year's work. We regret to note, however, that a few churches seem not be prospering as they should. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to that splendid body of christians, the State Line Church, in their troubles, and trust they are only temporary, and that the threatening cloud which seems to hang across their heretofore beautiful pathway, may soon be dissipated and scattered by the sun of righteousness. We pray God to heal all their troubles and make them, as of yore, mighty, active and zealous in the up-building of the Master's kingdom.

We would affectionately, but urgently, recommend our churches to look carefully and prayerfully to the support of their several pastors. We regret to say that many churches do not come up to their full privilege and duty in this respect. Dear brethren, "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and we regard it the bounden duty of every church to see to it that their pastor are equately provided for.

When we look around us throughout the Association and witness the marked improvement of the churches, both temporal and spiritual, during the past year, we have great reason for thanking God and taking renewed and increasing courage. New houses of worship are being erected, more comfortable and beautiful than those of the past, the many conversions and accessions, all call aloud for thanksgiving, adoration and praise.

We especially beg leave to call attention to the progress made in spiritual and temporal things, of the Ellisville Church, where we are now so hospitably entertained and lovingly treated. The prowess of this brave band of working christians we most heartily commend. Their beautiful and comfortable house of worship, their glorious meetings and increase of membership, is a bright example and mark unto which we all might well endeavor to attain. Their good examples in all these things are eminently worthy of imitation.

For statistics of number of conversions, additions, dismissals, deaths, total membership, number of ministers, licentiates, etc., we respectfully refer to the tabulated statement which will be printed in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. GOLDSMITH,
CLAYTON PARDUE.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

The nineteenth century has been marked by giant strides in every department of thought and investigation. Progress is written legibly upon every enterprise and interest. The center of the civilization of the world is moving westward in its revolution around the earth. It will reach the point where we shall have risen superior to the world around us. Then from the dazzling height of our splendid civilization, we may look down on every side upon a highly favored but inferior people. *Education* of the *hand* and *head* is the motor that has wrought out the wonderful developments that almost startle us on every hand. The zeal of christianity is invoked to the work of educating the heart—the spiritual portion of our nation, that the increasing and increasing activities of the world may be guided for the honor and glory of God.

Moral and religious training must keep pace with progress in other departments, and must be applied before skepticism and infidelity shall have had an opportunity of finding lodgment in the tender mind. While the preaching of the word is the recognized means of impressing and spreading the gospel, the teaching of the young in our Sabbath schools is a christian work for the laity of the church of inestimable power in advancing the "Kingdom of God." It is blessed of God to receiver and giver, to pupil and teacher, and is, without doubt, a means of grace as powerful as any other with which God has favored his people.

The Sunday school furnishes a field of continual usefulness for the christian to develop himself into the full stature of a son of God. In the Sunday school every christian, however weak and inefficient, may find work in the vineyard of the Lord, proportioned to his ability and his necessities, and no no christian may slight this means of grace without detriment to his own spiritual advancement in the Divine Life. Every one who is called of God should lay hold of some implement of labor as soon as he enters the "vineyard of the Lord," and by his works seek to render himself approved of the Master. But while Sunday school work is a means of grace to the church, the special end aimed at in the Sunday school is the salvation of the young, before they come in contact with the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. Our community, when spiritualized by the touch of the finger of God, cannot fail to respond to the demand made upon us to train our children in the fear of God. Thus shall early piety be instilled into their tender minds and hearts, and their capacity for spiritual development and adornment keep pace with the progress of the world, and the kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of the Lord Jesus.

Respectfully submitted

JOHN P. SEABROOK, Chairman.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions.

Your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions beg leave to report: That in their opinion the work of spreading the gospel is *the work* of God's people. Almost the last words spoken by our Savior to His disciples were: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." It is a deplorable fact that the professed followers of Christ are failing in a large measure to obey this great command. It is estimated that there are in the world to-day 1,016,381 000 inhabitants. There are connected with the Southern Baptist Convention 948,184 Baptists; 948,185 of this great army *stay at home* while only 49 workers *go* into foreign lands, which is about one worker to every 20,742,469 inhabitants. How true the language of the Savior: "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few The fields are already white unto the harvest." It is not only a fact that but few go into foreign fields, but the thousands who remain at home give comparatively nothing to the work of missions. It is estimated that the Baptists of the south give annually an average of *twelve cents apiece* to Foreign Missions. In addition to the scarcity of workers in foreign lands, there is also great destitution on

the home field. There is need of more workers among the Chinese of California, among the red men of the west, in the great and wicked city of New Orleans and in many other sections of our own southland. Something has already been done toward supplying these destitute fields by our home mission board, but nothing to compare with what ought to be done. In view then, of the appalling destitution, both in the home and foreign fields, your committee would urge upon the churches comprising this Association the importance of taking a more active interest in the work of home and foreign missions. They should help the work by giving liberally, regularly, and cheerfully to it; by praying the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the harvest field, and by taking and reading the Foreign Mission Journal, Kind Words, Baptist Record and such other papers as advocate the cause of missions. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Report on State Missions.

This means missions in our state—the Lord's work around and near our homes—with those with whom we are intimately connected, socially, politically and commercially. While there are no bounds, no limitations to the field to be occupied, yet our home or state field is nearer and dearer by natural ties, and its needs more sensibly realized by us. The State Convention has special charge of this work, and is vigorously striving to cultivate it for the Master. This state mission has has grown from a small beginning in 18— to quite an extensive and glorious enterprise of Christian labor. The regions of gospel destitution have been searched out, and great advances made in that of furnishing these sections with consecrated and efficient preachers of the word. Many weak places have been strengthened; many almost extinct churches of important points and towns have been revived and made self-sustaining, and many new churches have been organized in various parts of the State. An increased interest in the Lord's work in every department has been aroused, and a healthy state and growth of the churches at large, brought about by the immediate efforts of the State Mission Board. All this evidently shows it to be of the Lord, and deserving the earnest support of the Baptists of Mississippi.

The convention had employed during last year twenty-three missionaries, who preached 1,596 sermons, attended 484 prayer meetings, baptized 172 persons, and in connection with whose preaching there were 150 others baptized by pastors; received by letter, 171, and restored to fellowship 23, making a gain of 520 members to the churches. There were six new churches organized and put into active operation for Christ, and 17 Sunday schools instituted. What a result! Is not the Lord in it? And who will dare fight against his God by hindering this work? Who will stand idly by and say "there is no one to hire us!" Why Christ points every Baptist to this His vineyard, and says: "Son, go into my vineyard and work to-day." Will anyone who loves his Savior say, "I have bought a piece of land or a yoke of oxen, and must need go and prove them;" or, "I have married a wife, and cannot go; therefore, I pray thee have me excused?" Let us lay *aside* the weight of prejudice and the sin of selfishness that doth so easily beset us, and go in and work with all our might in that that our hand findeth to do.

Bro. S. O. Ray, laboring in our own territory, is a missionary of the State Convention Board, whose work has been a grand success in many particulars. The immediate visible results of his services are one church and two Sunday schools organized, 112 baptisms, thirty-three received by letter, and four restored to fellowship, and $1,260 collected for the buildings, $167 for State Board. And his pious and prayerful prosecution of the Lord's work in this part of the State has done and is still doing a great deal in getting the brethren of this great section of the State to understand and appreciate the nature and design of the Convention Mission work, a thing most desirable and much to be sought. O, that the Baptists of every part of the land could see eye to eye, and work hand in hand, and heart with heart for the

Lord in taking the State of Mississippi from its center to its borders for Christ! We do recommend the State mission work to the prayerful consideration of every Baptist in our borders, and ask it of them to go up with us to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. STONE.

Report of Committee on General Education.

We regard it as a sacred obligation resting on us as a denomination to educate the masses. Every need of the race is to be met and improved by the church or God. We ought, therefore, to do all in our power to foster the spirit of education, to encourage every honest effort made in this direction, and by every possible means endeavor to build up more and better schools all over the State. We are glad to note the great progress made by our people in the last few years. There are building up here and there all over the State, under Baptist control, schools for the education of our boys and girls. Prominent among these are:

The Blue Mountain Female College, last year	148	pupils
" " Male Academy	75	"
Warren Female Institute	96	"
Starksvile " College	186	"
Gibson School	115	"
Winona	125	"
Shuqualak	91	"
Macon Seminary	60	"
Sylvarena	97	"
Central Female Institute	116	"
Lea " College	120	"
Gillsburg Institute	120	"
Troy Normal School	232	"
Mississippi College		
Making a total in the state of Mississippi, under the immediate control of the Baptist denomination	1,732	"

Our people are setting themselves right on the question, and are going far ahead of any others in the State. Indeed, there is no denomination in the United States has so large and so many schools as the Baptist. Our own Mission College is doing more to build up their schools than any factor in the State. All over our State to-day are young men who have gone out to teach the people, found schools, preach the gospel to the destitute, etc., and these in return are sending in others who are preparing to go out to do the same blessed work in the future, and this forever may the supply increase a demand that shall be supplied with material from all parts of the State from every home in the land. Our Baptist cause cannot get along without Mississippi College. The ministry that shall fill the pulpits of this State must be educated men. There is an absolute need for it. The day has passed when it could be otherwise. If will not see it without, God will teach it to us by our failures in the futures. We must look at things as they are. The men who preach the gospel in this country when we are gone must be me men who take up the work where we left off, and carry it on, meeting under God as best they can the everincreasing responsibilities consequent upon our present and everadvancing facilities for knowledge. To do this we must educate our young ministers. In place of forty-three we ought to have a 100 each year in our own State educated in Mississippi College.

Your committe would recommend Bro. W. R. Red as a beneficiary of this asociation. He is a young man of fine native ability, and promises great usefulness in the future. We further recommend the establishment of a first-class high school, to be located at Ellisville, or some other point in the N. O. & N. E. railroad, and fostered by this Association. We further recommend the Shuqualak Female College as worthy the patronage of the Baptists of this part of the State.

S. O. Y. RAY, Chairman of Committee.

Report of Special Committee.

Your committee have considered the question referred to it, and recommend that each church in this association raise the sum of one dollar per member, that to be divided among the different objects in the ratio following, to wit.:

State Missions	$600 00
Foreign "	200 00
Home "	75 00
Micsissippi College and Ministerial Education	200 00
Sustentation	25 00
Total	$1100 00

The method of raising this sum, of course, is left to the pastors and churches; but your committee suggests that quarterly collections be taken in the churches, and a little effort on the part of the pastors and deacons is all that is necessary to secure the amount desired.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HARDY
J. L. GRAY,
J. G. WELBORN.
Committee.

Report of Committee on Sustentation.

We find that little has been done by the churches for the indigent Baptist ministers and their families in our bounds. We find nine of these care and timeworn veterans that are calling on us for help. The amount contributed by our body is merely nominal. We earnestly recommendthat an appeal be made for these soldiers of the cross by every pastor in the association, and that a collection be taken at least once each year for this special object, and sent to the Convention Board of Directors to be prorated among these brethren as may be agreed upon by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. COLE.

Report of Missionary Work.

I have been actively engaged the whole of this year, have travelled 3,375 miles, and preached 151 times; preached at four stations, attended sixty prayer meetings, visited 105 families for religious purposes, have baptized fourteen persons. Others have baptized in connection with my labors, ninety-eight, received into the churches by letter, thirty-three, restored to fellowship, four, have orgrnized one church and two Sunday schools, have delivered two Sunday school addresses, distributed 242 tracts, secured ten subscribers to the *Baptist Record*, and collected for State Mission Board $167; expended in church building $1,260, have ready for use four houses of worship. The work has been greatly blessed. One hundred and forty-nine persons have been added to the churches. The liberality of the Lord's people has been developed, the mission spirit increased, the Lord's work in all directions built up and strengthened.

The work on the N. O. & N. E. railroad is encouraging. We have now ready for use houses of worship at Heidelberg, Sandersville, Tuscanola and Hattiesburg. These houses have been built, under great financial pressure, at a cost of something near $2,000. Of this amount about $1,250 or $1,300 has been raised this year, leaving a balance of $250. Of this amount $149.66 are due W. H Patton & Co., and the workmen. Some effort ought to be made to raise this balance, that the churches might be free to prosecute their work in the future without hindrance. The work of this association in this part of the State ought to be vigorously prosecuted from every standpoint. There is no place where we may relax our efforts; but, on the contrary, with our increased facilities, both financially and numerically, and we trust spiritually, we ought to push our work far beyond what it is in every respect. This is the Lord's work. May we as his servants occupy it faithfully till he comes.

S. O. Y. RAY, Missionary.

Report of Committee on Finance.

Your committee report the following amounts as sent up and collected in cash during the session of the association for the purpose stated:

State Missions	$ 37 90
Foreign "	16 70
Ministerial Education	21 90
Associational Purposes	32 40
Home Missions	22 80
Mississippi College	11 00
Collection for Sandersville Church	21 00
Total	$163 70

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. McKINSTRY, Chairman.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this body shall be the CHICKASAHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers; the first class only having the right to vote, and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

Art. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty members thereafter; provided, that ministers who are members of any such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisory council, and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches; nor shall difficulties between the churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, as may be agreed upon, and, after enrolling the names of delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a moderator, and a clerk who shall be ex-officio treasurer of the Association.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies; and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association, by a unanimous vote; and letters of dismission may be obtained, without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at any annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided, the proposed alteration, or amendment, shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old Testament and the new, were written by the inspiration of God; and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people, in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rule of the New Testament.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His Church, and that the government is with the Church, each member having an equal right therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the Church; and that believers in Christ only, are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regular baptized believers, only, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer, and closed by praise or benediction.

2. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.

3. The moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the moderator.

5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use personal reflections.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of before any other motion can be entertained.

8. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association; nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.

9. Members shall use the term brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the moderator for violation of these rules.

10. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	Number Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismis'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Members.	S. School Scholars.	S.S. Officers and T.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home Miss'ns.	For'n Miss'ns.	Church Expenses.	S. S. Expenses.	Miscellaneous.	Total Contribution.
Bethlehem ..	Lauderdale.....	L. M. Stone.....		1	...	2	...	3	9	.....	...	$ 50 00	.....	$ 5 65	.....	.....	.....	$ 1 00	$ 56 65
Meridian	Meridian	J. W. Bozeman.	12	21	1	13	...	1	230	187	14	1593 45	$279 95	41 66	$38 26	$1401 47	$226 20	215 80	3805 79
Enterprise...	Enterprise	L. E. Hall...	7	4	...	6	...	...	69	35	6	150 00	60 00	.....	.....	26 00	20 00	50 00	306 00
Quitman.....	Quitman	L. E. Hall.....	6	5	...	2	...	2	41	36	5	53 55	.....	11 25	.....	109 00	5 00	18 85	197 65
De Soto.....	De Sota.....	F. D. Baars.....	2	2	...	7	1	2	31	...	...	45 00	5 00	.....	.....	40 00	.....	15 00	105 00
Shubuta	Shubuta	L. E. Hall.....	6	11	1	15	...	1	88	60	7	300 00	78 00	.....	16 40	50 00	25 00	130 00	599 40
Salem	Waynesboro....	W. West.....	1	7	...	...	...	...	106	50	8	114 00	33 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	152 00
Clear Creek..	Shubuta	J. M. Phillips...			...	5	5	...	62	20	3	45 00	11 50	5 85	5 50	.....	2 00	.....	69 85
Yellow Cr'k	Waynesboro.....	W. D. Watson...	2	1	...	10	8	...	45	.....	...	.....	.....	2 15	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 15
Concord.	Shubuta.....	J. M. Phillips...	1	2	...	...	...	...	43	.....	...	27 35	2 50	.....	.....	48 75	.....	7 00	85 60
New Hope...	Tokio	T. E. Tucker....	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	.....	...	50 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	176 00	234 00
Big Creek.....			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buckatunna	Buckatunna	J. M. Phillips ...	3	2	...	4	1	...	26	.....	...	96 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	98 00
State Line,...	State Line.....	O D. Bowen.....	...	...	...	8	...	...	90	20	3	240 00	28 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	15 35	293 35
Heidelberg...	Heidelberg.....	S. O. Y. Ray	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	.....	...	.....	3 95	3 95	3 95	.....	.....	5 90	17 75
Sandersville	Sandersville.....	S. O. Y. Ray.....	5	20	...	1	...	...	40	.....	...	.....	10 00	.....	1 00	100 00	.....	2 50	113 50
Ellisville.....	Ellisville.....	J. T. Barrett.....	14	9	...	...	3	1	61	60	6	.....	10 00	3 00	3 00	600 00	13 00	34 25	663 25
Estabutchie	Estabutchie.....	T. E. Robinson..	3	...	...	4	...	...	13	.....	...	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00	11 50
Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg.....	S. O. Y. Ray.....	3	9	1	1	...	...	30	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....	3 00	303 00
Augusta	Augusta.....	S. O. Y. Ray.....	2	1	1	7	...	...	29	.....	...	.....	10 00	1 00	3 30	.....	.....	62 25	76 55
			67	95	4	85	18	10	1054	468	52	$2764 35	$540 40	$ 74 51	$71 41	$2684 22	$308 20	$748 90	$7191 99

For Ministerial education, and Mississippi College, which are included in "Miscellaneous," Quitman Church contributes $10; Meridian, $85; Clear Creek, $7; De Soto, $15; Ellisville, $32; Augusta, $1; Estabutchie, $10; Heidelberg, $3.90; Shubuta, $45; Sandersville